



Illinois Children's Justice Task Force

Children's Justice Task Force Quarterly Meeting November 12, 2020 Approved Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting due to Shelter in Place Order via Zoom

Virginia M. Zic-Schlomas Presiding

- I. **Welcome:** The Chair welcomed everyone about 9:30 AM.

Effective July 14, 2020 an update to the Open Meetings Act requires the following:

- Councils meeting via videoconference must keep a verbatim recording of their meetings (record their meetings) to remain compliant with the Open Meetings Act.
- All votes must now be recorded via roll call

Link to the recording:

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- II. **Roll Call/Guests Introduced**

- III. **Approval of August Meeting Minutes:** Motion approved to accept with requested changes.

- IV. **Presentation – 2021 3-Year Assessment - Steve Budde, Francisca Fils-Aime and Elba Karim**

Steve Budde presented an update on the Needs Assessment. The committee has continued efforts to move forward with assessment. Francisca Fils-Aime and Jay Wade from PIE Org (<https://www.pieorg.org/>) presented the Document Review Framework. Data collection via survey will begin November 19, 2020 and are due by December 18, 2020. Committee encouraging survey respondents to give this survey the attention it deserves.

Elba Karim provided more context about the survey. Requested that if we have other individuals of underrepresented groups that we request their names to be added to the survey distribution list. Additional focus on best practices to include in the report.

- V. **DCFS Family First Prevention Services Act - Dr. Kim Mann, DCFS Deputy**

Dr. Mann presented on the DCFS Family First Prevention Services Act. The act focuses keeping families intact, keeping family connections, and early intervention to avoid removal of children from the home. The act provides additional federal funding up to 50% of evidence based and trauma informed services. Programs and services were shared.

VI. Guests & Introductions

Task Force members and guests shared names and roles or agencies they represent. Potential Members Antwan Turpeau and Prestina Singleton shared their background.

VII. CJTF Mission, Paul Hamann

Paul presented on the CJTF mission and mandate. Task Force desires to work with other Citizen Review Boards to coordinate efforts.

VIII. MDT Update – Char Rivette

Char provided update on MDT Subcommittee and the broader recommendations the CJTF previously wrote. Desi Silva should be included in discussions to represent DCFS.

- DCFS to continue to develop and support a statewide medical response system to allegations of certain allegations of child abuse (sexual abuse, serious harms of children under 3).
- DCFS will work to secure solutions to ensure that MDT members who are jointly working on child abuse investigations (eg. CACs, medical partners, LE, DCFS) can and must share any and all information regarding cases that are being investigated. They will work to create systems that allow for, and require, timely communication and consultation of information amongst MDT members to make decisions.
- DCFS will form a work group, and request a partner within the Governor's office, to advance the recommendations of regionally-based specialization of DCFS investigators and improve DCFS' role in the MDT partnership. This would include high-level leadership within DCFS in the child protection division.

IX. Discussion/recommendations

Jill Glick provided additional comments on the recommendations. Concern raised about sustainability of current medical community, specifically providers, response and lack of leadership and inter-agency partnerships and exchange of data. Recommended that a committee be formed. There was a request if it is possible to get funding so that we can get someone to review and provide summary of other state models in order to provide evidence and frameworks for the recommendations. Engage Dr. Margaret Scotellaro, DCFS Medical Director.
Action: Jill Glick to reach out to Dr. Scotellaro. Invitation to next subcommittee meeting.

Paul suggested that we partner with DCFS and other states to discuss model. Feedback received previously from DCFS was to make the recommendations more specific. Mary Stein is working with Casey Family Foundation to discuss additional ways to address inability to get information. Elba Karim mentioned that Arizona licensure requires the provider to share the data with other MDT members.

The annual recommendations to DCFS are due to DCFS in March. Additional timeline details may be needed in order to meet the various deadlines. An additional meeting may be needed to discuss.

X. Project Child Update – Dr. Channing Petrak

Channing provided an update on the Project in Dr. Fujara's absence. Unable to get numbers from Vermillion County which is part of the project. Discussions with DCFS, coroner, hospital and medical providers in order to get the necessary data. Vermillion County CAC has a new director as on November 1st. Kim Mangiaracino to try to assist and connect the CAC.

Action: Kim Mangiaracino to try to set up a meeting to connect the new CAC director and Project Child.

XI. New Business

- **Ethics & Harassment Training**

- i. Action: Please complete these as soon as possible.
 - ii. Action: Charles to request the information on annual compliance sooner in the year.

- **Next Meeting Dates**

- February 10, 2021 (Virtual or Peoria)
- Additional Meeting - TBD
- May 12, 2021 – (Carbondale) To be determined. If possible, Hoylton
- August 11, 2021
- November 10, 2021

February Agenda Item: Location

- **Membership**

- Leah Brown has resigned from the CAC and the CJTF.

Discussion on current needs. CJTF Members feel that we need more than the minimum. Bi-laws allow up to 25 members. Particular concern around the recent rejection of candidates because of their working at the same location. Southern Illinois needs some additional representation. Also need "State-wide"

representation. Need more clarity for recruiting additional members. Elba Karim has a candidate to represent child sex trafficking. Reminder that these meetings are public and open to anyone to attend.

Action: Charles to provide information on what roles are filled and still needed. There are 14 categories/jobs to be appointed. Still in need of Foster Youth Alumni and Prosecuting Attorney. Director rejected the candidate for Foster Youth Alumni.

XII. Meeting adjourned at about 12:50 pm

XIII. Attendance and Voting Record

	Name	11/12/20	Vote – August Meeting Minutes
1.	Atwood, Tamela	Absent	
2.	Baptist-Spruiell, Sandra	Present	X
3.	Brandt, Michael	Present	X
4.	Christopherson, Mari	Present	X
5.	Cowart, Lark	Present	X
6.	Glick, Jill	Present	X
7.	Hamann, Paul	Present	X
8.	Hofmann, Molly	Present	
9.	Karim, Elba	Present	X
10.	Ma, Cassandra	Absent	
11.	Mangiaracino, Kim	Present	X
12.	McNamara, Kathy	Absent	
13.	Milleville, Annette	Present	X
14.	Petrak, Channing	Present	X
15.	Porter, Chantelle	Present	X
16.	Reynard, Charles	Absent	
17.	Rivette, Char	Present	X
18.	Stein, Mary	Present	X
19.	Stoffer, Brian	Present	X
20.	Theus, Frederika	Present	X
21.	Torres, Rhiannon	Present	X
22.	Trotter, Dion	Present	X
23.	Zic-Schlomas, Virginia	Present	X
24.	Budde, Stephen	Present	
25.	Davis-Barsh, Shirley	Absent	
26.	Dennis, Kristin	Present	
27.	Fujara, Marjorie	Absent	

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28.	Gordon, Kevin	Present	
29.	Hamilton, Kara	Present	
30.	Harvey, Jeremy	Absent	
31.	Hyman, Lindsay	Absent	
32.	Mann, Kimberly	Present	
33.	Melton, Carol	Absent	
34.	Singleton, Prestina	Present	
35.	Stutz, Tierney	Present	
36.	Talbert, Charles	Present	
37.	Turpeau, Antwan	Present	

DCFS Employees:

Davis, Shirley
Gordon, Kevin
Hamilton, Kara
Mann, Kimberly
Stutz, Tierney
Talbert, Charles

Juvenile Protective Association:

Budde, Stephen
Dennis, Kristin

PIE Org:

Jay Wade
Francisca Fils-Aime

Visiting Potential Members:

Singleton, Prestina
Turpeau, Antwan

Respectfully submitted,

Rhiannon Torres, Secretary
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